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### WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT IN RUSSIA

Refugee Tells of Horrors of Massacre  
Near Odessa—Jews Were at  
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Moscow, Dec. 14, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.—The leaders of the post and telegraph strike declare they will never surrender until Interior Minister Durnov and Mestanoloff give up posts and their demands are satisfied. Over a thousand men have been dismissed from the post office service, which continues to be blocked, not a single telegraph wire is working out of Moscow and the telephone lines which are badly crippled are the only means of communication.

Another Appeal.  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 14, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.—The Emperor's name day, December 19th, will be dignified by an important peasant manifesto and the publication of an election law. Dimitri Shipoff, president of the Moscow Zemstvos, the most commanding figure among the moderate Liberals, who has been consulted in the preparation of the election law, is out with a strong appeal to all who have the welfare of their country at heart without regard to party, to unite thus to insure the peace of the nation.

Under the leadership of the law and order party an attempt is being made to organize a counter peasant party in opposition to the Moscow peasants' congress. The post telegraph congress at Moscow is still holding off, insisting that the strikers can be victorious, although, unless a new development enters into the situation, their cause is apparently lost.

The ranks of the strikers are being deserted, and those returning to work are compelled to sign a declaration to the effect that they will not be enticed into union again, and agree not to meddle with politics in the future. Nevertheless the strikers can cripple the postal service for an indefinite period, and without striking operators it is impossible for the government to secure a resumption of telegraphic communications.

There are no signs of a break in the situation and business men everywhere are in despair at the outlook. Runs on the banks are in progress at many places in the provinces. The strikers here continue their attacks on mail wagons and the robbery of letter boxes.

The provincial Zemstvos are complaining that they are unable to collect the taxes without the aid of the federal government, and they have been obliged to close the offices. Throughout the Volga and Don regions the peasants continue to cut down the wires.

The arrival of General Maximovitch, the successor of the late Sahakoroff, was signaled by an unfortunate incident. The peasants of the district of Balascheff had been "trouped up" by the authorities, and were marching in order to persuade them to return the property which they had stolen, when suddenly the commander of the Cossacks was shot and fell dead from his horse.

whereupon the Cossacks fired on the crowd, killing four and wounding 10 persons. Gen. Maximovitch, who arrived on the scene immediately afterwards, was greatly distressed, and in the name of the Emperor promised to succor financially the families of killed and wounded.

The assassin of Gen. Sahakoroff has confessed her identity to the extent that she is Anna Pavlovna. She refuses, however, to furnish any other information to the authorities. The announcement that the identity of the assassin of Gen. Sahakoroff had been established would seem to dispose of the rumors that she was a man disguised as a woman.

From Tyr, Central Russia, comes the news that the estate of Ivan Petrunkevitch, president of the Moscow Agricultural Society, and a prominent member of the Zemstvo, has been sacked and destroyed. The Novosti says that 250 of the leaders of the Sebastopol mutineers, has been hanged.

Tells of Massacre.  
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Hair prematurely gray, her face lined with suffering, Mrs. Johanna Stein, a Russian refugee reached Chicago yesterday. She and her two children, went unscathed through the horrors of a massacre November 1st at Kremenchuk, near Odessa. One hundred and fifty Jews were killed and many more wounded.

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"There is a band that is composed of Hungarians and Jews, which is a revolutionary society that is supposed to protect the poorer class of Jews, but it does not. When the proclamation of Russian freedom came there was great rejoicing among the Jews. A meeting was called of the band at the town hall. The Jews were told to attend or

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Cap'd Laughs at Locksmith, and Happy  
Couple Succeed in Eluding  
Vigilance of Friends.

Colwood is in the throes of excitement over an elopement that has set the community talking from one end to the other. The principals in the case are a daughter of a well-known and highly respected resident, William Wales, who for over thirty years has farmed in Saanich and Colwood districts, and Donald Scarf, formerly of the Highland district, and now a blacksmith in Meston's shop, Broad street. The elopement occurred under the most romantic conditions on Tuesday night, the bride escaping from under the parental roof through one of the windows of a house, and fleeing to the city in company with her consort in a hack driven at full speed to the paragonage of Rev. G. K. B. Adams, Blanchard street, where the wedding ceremony was duly solemnized at the somewhat advanced hour of 11:30 o'clock on Wednesday night. The two were accompanied to Victoria by Steve Coburn and wife. The groom had everything in readiness for the marriage, for in this instance a delay might have upset all the arrangements. The marriage was planned to take place to-morrow afternoon, but owing to the opposition offered by the parent of the bride, the arrangements carried out were decided on Tuesday. The bride telephoned to the groom, so the story goes, at Colwood on Tuesday afternoon, and gave him a clue as to what was happening. She asked that he should come out to the Wales residence at 10 o'clock as circumstances would then be favorable for the elopement. It was the young Mr. Wales who then, by the hour mentioned by parents would have retired. The groom, accordingly got to work, and though the time was brief for the carrying out of all the arrangements, yet he had a few hours in which to prepare, and he was determined that there should be no hitch on his part.

Arriving at the house on time the bride was on hand to receive him. The meeting was to take place at the gate entering the farm, but an unexpected obstacle arose just at the last moment. The hackman's horses were white. This might have proved disastrous to the whole situation, but for a happy idea. The animals were hidden away, a thick growth of weeds helping in the situation. Mr. Wales had not yet retired, as it was thought he would, and the greatest secrecy had to be maintained to prevent arousing his suspicions. When the proper time came, the girl crept out of the window, to her bedroom, and stealthfully reached the gate. The groom was then apprised of how things were running. The wedding cake had been made and beautifully frosted at the Scotch bakery on Douglas street, and was in her bedroom. She had taken a knife to remove the two top layers, but on hearing a noise fled through the window. The cake was badly needed, but it required more courage than she could muster to return to that room and secure it. As for her wedding costume and personal effects, these had all been removed from the house during the day. They were hidden away in the fields and covered with ferns. The trunk was on the veranda, a cunning ruse having been adopted in this case. The girl had a lot of sweeping to do early in the day, and of course, the trunk was in the way. Her brother, a boy of about fifteen years of age, was in the home, and he it was who helped to remove it to the veranda. When the hack came all were crjied to the vehicle, the bride and groom, both assisting in the work. It is stated that

## FURTHER EVIDENCE IN WATER CASE

### T. LUBBE IS UNDER CR SS-EXAMINATION

Progress Being Made in the Application  
For Injunction Against Victoria  
Power Company.

Upon resuming the Goldstream water case, Esquimalt Waterworks Company vs. Victoria Power Company, before Mr. Justice Duff yesterday afternoon, the evidence of T. Lubbe was continued under examination of Fred Peters, K. C. At the conclusion of this A. E. McPhillips, K. C., began the cross-examination. Mr. Lubbe said that reservoir No. 1 was cleaned out to make the water suitable for domestic purposes. Which reservoir No. 1 was prepared the Esquimalt company had in view the preparing of water for the Esquimalt peninsula to supply Victoria city and to supply the National Electric Company. Mr. McPhillips wanted to know if the Esquimalt company in its agreement with the National Electric Company had not made a sale of power. Mr. Lubbe said this was but a way of expressing the measurement of the water supply. Mr. Lubbe said, to be frank, he never thought the contract with the National Electric Company would come to anything. The reservoir was not made large on account of this contract. It was on account of the likelihood of a demand for the city being made. In reply to Mr. McPhillips, witness said that the pipe line to Esquimalt peninsula was not laid because the expense was too great for the demand. If the Songhees reserve were opened to business and settlement, the pipe line would have been required. In 1892 there was a greater possibility of the settlement of the reserve than there is at the present time. In 1885 Robert Dusmuis sold witness that he had had negotiations with Sir John A. Macdonald by which the E. & N. was to be given the Songhees reserve. Mr. Dusmuis said that the company intended to build bunkers and provide shipping facilities. The reserve was to be divided into lots and disposed of. The outbreak of smallpox interfered with the growth of Victoria, and it had not recovered since that time. Mr. McPhillips wanted to know why \$1,000 was spent on the reservoir in 1887. He wanted to know if it was in consequence of the contract with the National Electric Company. Mr. Lubbe said it was not. There would have been only \$2,700 from that company. The works were carried out by the directors because they were an enterprising body of men. Mr. McPhillips wanted to know if it could be regarded as a business proposition for the city to take water from the Esquimalt company at six cents a thousand. Mr. Lubbe said that it was a perfectly business like proposition. The contract was limited to five years. It would not be favorable to the Esquimalt company. "The city might find itself in a fix, and thus get out of it. The city water supply was put at about 2,000,000 gallons a day. The cost for pumping, etc., was about \$12,000. The city of Victoria under this contract could come in and take say, 500,000 people, evicting the present 100,000. From 1892 to 1897 the reservoir was used for the storage of water as well for experimental purposes, he said. The cross-examination continued up to the time of adjournment.

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This morning upon court reassembling Mr. Lubbe further cross-examined was asked by Mr. McPhillips why the power house was not located on Finlayson Arm. Mr. Lubbe said that the power house was located higher up in order to allow of the water being provided for the Esquimalt peninsula and the city of Victoria. At Millstream, about five miles below the power house there was really a preferable site for the power house. The watershed cost \$61,000. The tramway company was entitled to 8,000,000 gallons of water a day at present. The company could take the whole day's supply in eight hours, but if such were done nothing could be drawn for the remaining 16 hours. If the company wished to increase the supply of water to 15,000,000 gallons twelve months' notice had to be given. Mr. McPhillips wanted to know if notice had not been given by the tramway company in 1890. Mr. Lubbe said it was not in the terms of the agreement. From November to March inclusive the company did not count on drawing water from the reservoirs for the power company. Of course some times on account of the watershed below the reservoirs being frozen it was necessary to draw from the dam. The static head of water in supplying the power house was 664. In the contract it was provided that the water should be furnished at an effective head of 570 feet. To allow for friction the 664 head would give 570 feet of head. The court adjourned until 2 o'clock.

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Rumors That the Letts are Preparing For Massacres—Emperor Nicholas Supports the Premier.

St. Petersburg, Midnight, Dec. 14.—According to reports from Tsarskoye-Selo, the reactionary cabinet headed by Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff and M. Sleschinsky, formed to effect the downfall of Count Witte and to create a dictatorship, has failed, and His Majesty is standing firmly by the Premier.

M. Menshikoff, the writer, who is in close touch with the court, is out with a strong article demanding the inauguration of an aggressive fight against the revolution before it is too late. M. Menshikoff says: "The revolutionaries, like the French convention, openly send out emissaries and do not conceal their intentions. They act in the full light of day, while the government works in secret. The government, it is true, has cannon, but perhaps only for the present, while they are not necessary. Where they are needed none can guarantee they will not be in the possession of the revolutionaries. The present."

Anarchy and Suspense are due the inaction of the government. Witte, like Kuropatkin, not only permits the enemy to concentrate his forces, but to make his dispositions and to choose the moment for giving battle. Such tactics will no more win in Russia than they did in Manchuria. The government is sending several columns of troops to the Baltic provinces of Estonia and Courland, and to Riga. In response to appeals from the German embassy demanding the protection of German subjects the government has replied that the troops are now on the way to insure the protection of all foreigners. August Von Hennings, a prominent member of the Baltic nobility, and assistant chief of this district, was murdered near Riga by a revolutionary band. Two assassins who were detailed to guard the residence were also killed. A servant who had walked

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daylight, mostly for revenge, and the police are afraid to interfere. The governor-general does not dare command the troops, not knowing whether they will obey orders. Several country committees have established republics, intending later to confederate into a Baltic republic.

The revolutionaries are preparing an irresistible strike for January and the workmen are being armed.

CANADIAN NOTES.

American Landseeker Mysteriously Poisoned—Montreal Brokers Suspend Business.

Medicine Hat, Sask., Dec. 14.—A rather startling development occurred at the inquest on the body of W. Behnke, an American landseeker, who died in the hospital here on November 13th under suspicious circumstances. He was put on the train at Fincher Creek in an insensible condition. Analytic examination determined that he had been poisoned with chloral hydrate; all circumstances seem to add to mystery.

Ask Reduction in Duty.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 14.—The tariff commission opened its session here to-day. The board of trade represented by Judge McGuire and President Hall asked for a reduction of 50 per cent. in the duty on agricultural implements, and the president of the agricultural society strongly enforced the claims of the Manitoba grain growers. He also pointed out that the customs regulations were being transgressed by incoming settlers, who bring extra machinery and dispose of it to Canadians. The commission adjourned to meet in Regina Saturday.

Navigation on Lakes.

Fort William Ont., Dec. 14.—Navigation on the Great Lakes will close after arrival of steamer Moore of the Booth line, now en route from Duluth. Suspension.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—With liabilities of nearly \$100,000 and assets of office furniture and a bank deposit of a little over \$4,000, the firm of Meredith, McLaren & Co., bankers and brokers, has suspended business. The firm dealt in New York margins and was a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Presented Medal.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 14.—Lieut. Governor Ingham today decorated Staff Sergeant Fraser, N. W. M. P., with the distinguished service medal. Fraser joined the force in 1874.

Favor Exclusion.

Guelph, Dec. 14.—Representative swine breeders met Hon. S. Fisher here yesterday and made a reply to the request of the Canadian packers for the removal of the embargo on United States hogs. They represented that it was most desirable in the interest of the Canadian farmer that the United States pig be excluded from importation for packing purposes as they brought danger of disease to the Canadian herds and impaired the reputation of Canadian bacon abroad.

MINERS' CONVENTION.

John Mitchell Refers to Good Work of the United Mine Workers.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 14.—The tri-district convention of the United Mine Workers of the anthracite coal fields opened here to-day with 865 delegates in attendance, representing 108,500 union men.

President John Mitchell, on being unanimously elected chairman, was greeted with hand-clapping and cheers as he stepped forward to address the convention. He said in part: "I do not know whether you fully realize what a wonderful transformation has taken place among the anthracite miners. Everywhere are evidences of increased intelligence, of a better manhood, of a better womanhood, and a better and more cheerful childhood. If by any chance our beloved organization should pass, the achievements it has already made should endeavor it for all time to every citizen who is dependent on the anthracite coal field for his livelihood or welfare."

After the committee on resolutions and wage scale were appointed the convention adjourned until to-morrow. The wage scale committee immediately commenced work. Delegates say that an attempt for an eight-hour day and recognition of the union will be incorporated in the report of this committee, along with an increase of wages from 10 to 20 per cent.

THE COLLINS CASE.


Undertakers and Others Give Evidence in San Francisco.

"There was talk of graves and worms and epitaphs at the trial of George D. Collins yesterday," says Tuesday's San Francisco Chronicle. "A procession of undertakers and graveyard clerks and florists came there to describe the final offices that they performed for Agnes Newman Collins, so-called, and produce their melancholy records. It added something to the already confused condition of the Collins family history that these records differed one from the other as to vital issues in the case. The burial certificates are to be believed if it nothing new for Collins to have two wives at the same time, for under one certificate he recognizes Agnes Newman Collins as his wife, while in another her sister Charlotta is described as a rival Mrs. Collins. The defendant says this is a mistake, due to a propensity for falsehood in the doctor who gave the information on which the certificate is based. The prosecution says it is the absolute truth, and that Mrs. Charlotta Collins has been the defendant's wife ever since May, 1885."

"Collins yesterday started out to prove by repute that Agnes Newman, who died in May 1901, was his wife. He produced no document, contract or record of the marriage, but he undertook to supply something of the sort later. He will himself go on the witness stand and profess that he will occupy one or more days in the recital of his view of the family history."

The office of the Simpson Lumber Company at South Bend, Wash., was entered early Thursday, the safe blown open and about \$700 in coin, besides cheques and valuable papers, taken. The work was that of professionals, but there is no clue.

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<p><b>FOR LITTLE SISTER</b></p> <p>Silver Bangle Bracelet, 50c. Brooch, 50c. to \$5.00. Ebony Hair Brush, 75c. Silver Chain Bracelet, 25c. Silver Necktie, 50c. Ebony Manicure Set, \$1.00. Ring, \$1.00 to \$5.00. Gold Heart Charms, \$1.25. Solid Gold Necktie, \$2.50 up. Feet Knife, \$1.25 up.</p>	<p><b>FOR BIG BROTHER</b></p> <p>Fungus Stamp Box, 75c. Cigarette Holder, \$1.00 up. Ebony Military Brushes, \$1.75 up. Silver Match Box, \$1.50. Cigarette Case, \$1.00 up. Gun Metal Cigar Cutter, \$1.00. Silver Shaving Brush, \$1.00. Gold Bear Pin, \$1.00 up. Fountain Pen, \$3.00 up. Gold Cuff Links, \$3.00 up. Silver Watch, \$5.00 to \$10.00.</p>	<p><b>FOR LITTLE BROTHER</b></p> <p>Serviette Ring, 25c. up. Silver Studs, 50c. and 50c. up. Watch Chain, 25c. to \$1.50. Watch Charm, 25c. to \$1.00. Pocket Knife, \$1.00. Silver Whistle, 50c. up. Silver Cuff Links, 50c. up. Watch, \$1.00 to \$3.00. Fungus Stud Box, 75c. Knife, Fork and Spoon, \$1.75 up.</p>
<p><b>FOR BABY</b></p> <p>Bib Pin, 25c. to \$1.50. Bib Holders, 75c. Gold Rings, 75c. and \$1.00. Silver Spoon, 75c. to \$1.50. Food Pusher, 50c. to \$1.25. Dress Pin sets, \$1.00. Pretty Brooches, \$1.00 up. Baby Rattles, \$1.25. Coral Necktie, \$1.00. Teething Rings, \$1.50. Puff Boxes, \$2.00.</p>	<p><b>FOR HUSBAND</b></p> <p>Pouch, 75c. up. Letter Scale, \$1.50. Cigar Holder, \$1.00. Cigar Box, \$5.00. Dining Room Clock, \$5.00. Ebony Cloth Brush, 75c. Gold Links, \$3.00. Gold Watch Chain, \$7.50 up. Gold Pocket, \$3.00 up. Landscape Set, \$5.00. Gold Watch, \$3.00 up.</p>	<p><b>FOR WIFE</b></p> <p>Toast Rack, \$1.50. Fungus Jewel Case, \$2.75. Ebony Mirror, \$2.00 up. Cut Glass Bowl, \$3.50. Useful Purse, \$1.00 up. Shopping Bags, \$2.50 up. Umbrellas, \$1.75 up. Pearl Star Brooch, \$10.00. Gold Bracelet, \$7.00 up. Pearl and Diamond Ring, \$15.00.</p>
<p><b>FOR SWEETHEART</b></p> <p>Diamond Ring, \$10.00. Gold Locket, \$2.75. Gold Necktie, \$2.50. Lorgnette Chain, \$4.00. Jewel Box, \$2.50. Toilet Set, \$10.00. Gold Bracelet, \$4.50. Gold Brooch, \$1.50. Pendant, \$7.00 up. Ebony Toilet Set, \$4.50.</p>	<p><b>FOR LOVER</b></p> <p>Pouch, 75c. Cigar Cutter, \$1.50. Cigarette Holder, \$1.00. Cigarette Box, \$1.50. Cigar Box, \$5.00. Ebony Travelling Sets, \$2.75. Rings, \$2.00 up. Scarf Pins, \$2.00. Gold Studs, \$1.00 up. Diamond Set Links, \$20.00 up. Diamond Set Locket, \$20.00 up.</p>	<p><b>FOR FRIEND</b></p> <p>Paper Knife, 50c. Ebony Hair Brush, 75c. Cut Ticket Case, 25c. Fragile Fan, \$1.00. Walking Cases, \$1.00. Photo Frames, \$1.00 up. Blotter, \$1.00 to \$10.00. Fruit Knife, \$1.25. Date Case, \$1.75. Cut Glass Scent Bottle, \$1.00. Walet Marker, \$2.00.</p>



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<p><b>For \$1.75</b></p> <p>Silver Watch Chains. Silver Mounted Pouches. Silver Mounted Baby's Hair Brush. Silver Top Jeweled Boxes. Half Dozen Plated Teaspoons. Cut Glass Perfume Bottle. Fungus Photo Frame. Cloisonne Vase. Ebony Military Brushes. Gold Stone Set Ring. Gold Filled Cuff Links.</p>	<p><b>For \$2.00</b></p> <p>Silver Bon-Bons. Silver Curling Tongs. Cigar Lighters. Silver Plated Toast Rack. Pearl Handle Cheese Scoop. Whisk Markers. Gold Pens. Cut Glass Puff Boxes. Royal Vienna China Vase. Deposit Ware Perfume Bottles. Horn Handle Cork Screws.</p>	<p><b>ALL OUR EBONY GOODS ARE GUARANTEED TO BE GENUINE EBONY</b></p>



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### APPEAL TO CHAIRMAN.

President of Provident Savings Life Assurance Society Before Inquiry.

New York, Dec. 14.—During the insurance investigation to-day Edward W. Scott, president of the Provident Savings Life Insurance Society, made an earnest appeal to Chairman W. W. Armstrong, of the investigating committee, with respect to his (Scott's) relation with the Equitable Life Insurance Society, of which he was formerly Austrian agent.

Charles E. Hughes, counsel of the committee, had asked Mr. Scott whether the Equitable Life Assurance Society had a claim of \$100,000 against him. Mr. Scott at first declared that there was no such claim, and then Mr. Hughes produced letters which passed between Mr. Scott and the president, James W. Alexander, on that subject in 1897, in which President Alexander asked Mr. Scott to make a formal admission in writing that his accounts with the society, showing balances of \$57,333 due the society, were correct. In one letter President Alexander wrote that Mr. Scott's letters to President Alexander proposed a conference, but made no admissions as to the acceptance of the accounts. When these letters had been read

President Scott made an earnest plea to the committee to file that this subject is foreign to the investigation. He declared that he had been pursued by enemies for several years; that in 1890 he caused the arrest and indictment of a man who had engaged with the Equitable Life Assurance Society to deliver to it records stolen from the Provident Life Assurance Society; that a traitorous book-keeper, who was in league with this man, was dismissed from the Provident Society's employ, and that it was in connection with these that his (Scott's) relations with the Equitable were reported to the committee and in a spirit of revenge. Though Mr. Hughes did not uncover just what the Equitable Society's claims against Mr. Scott were based on, he brought out from him the statement that the Equitable Society had made such a claim upon him, and that Mr. Scott refused to settle it.

Another incident in the testimony of Mr. Scott was that his statement that when he bought control of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society stock he used \$25,000 which had been lent by that company to two of its agents in order to buy one hundred shares of its stock.

They did not buy the stock and Mr. Scott said he took over the loan and delivered to the society a promise to turn over to it one hundred shares of its stock until he got the stock. It is now held by a trust company, to whom he still owes \$50,000, which he borrowed to buy it.

Moths fly into the candle flame because their eyes can stand only a small amount of light. When, therefore, they come within the light of a candle their sight is overpowered and their vision confused, and as they cannot distinguish objects, they pursue the light itself and fly into the flame.

After seven months of married life, Samuel Williams was bound over to Exeter, Eng., on a charge of assaulting his wife. All the trouble, it was said, arose over two cats which the husband refused to get rid of.

## THE MOTHERLAND AND COLONIES

AGENCIES WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE TIES

Sentiment is Strongest Bond and This Will Increase as Greater Amount of Autonomy is Given.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The postponement of the Colonial Conference from 1906 to 1907 and Canada's suggestion that the name given to the meeting when it does come should be "The Imperial Conference and not, as proposed by Mr. Lyttleton, "the Imperial Council," has given rise to much comment in the English papers, and the London Times criticizes Canada's suggestion in a most unwise article, very much in harmony with the tone of some of the recent utterances of those Ontario papers whose chief excuse for their existence appears to be the virility of their racial animosities.

In the midst of the severe remarks of the London papers on Canada's attitude in this matter it is refreshing to read Sir Frederick Pollock's article on "Imperial and Canadian Opinion" in the Nineteenth Century. In it he says that Canadian loyalty was among the elementary things we had no need talk about. "If I were a Canadian I think I should prefer to hear no more of it. Surely it is rather an ambiguous compliment as between citizens of empire to assure a man earnestly that one does not suspect him of treasonable or seditious intentions. My own belief is that some of our moaning over Canada's loyalty is dangerously near a kind of cant which might well offend self-respecting Canadians and obscure our own perception of the facts."

Sir Frederick has rightly gauged the Canadian people. In the minds of the British public there should be no room for the existence of a doubt although it must be admitted there is a certain section, small it is true, which, regarding loyalty, "doth protest too much."

What does occasionally seem to escape the sight of those who appear ever on the watch to find something to carp at in the actions of the Canadian government is the fact that the strongest of all ties that can band the integral parts of a huge empire together is the sentimental tie, and that the greater the amount of autonomy given to each of these several portions of the empire the stronger that tie becomes, and that in proportion to the strength of that tie is increased so is the power to assist and maintain the motherland strengthened. It is not necessary to do more than

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Now that is all changed. The numerous crown colonies of British North America and Australia have been welded into the nation of Canada, and Australia, each maintaining its own army and able to assist the motherland in forward as a nation, and doing much to contribute to the cause of empire. It would, for instance, be satisfactory to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to report at the next colonial conference that Canada, since the last meeting had relieved the British taxpayer of the payment of millions of dollars in the taking over of Halifax and Esquimaux garrisons. At the present moment Hon. Raymond Prefontaine is in Britain making inquiries to assist him with a view of getting what information he can to improve the direct means of communication between Canada and the motherland. Whilst it is announced that Canadian cruisers will be placed on our shores both on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Recently published statistics show that since the Coronation Conference British imports into Canada have increased by more than 25 per cent. of their previous total volume, and the proceedings before the Tariff Commission now sitting have produced abundant evidence to show that those enemies of the British preferential tariff who aim at its destruction will not be successful in their efforts, but that the preference will be continued.

Nothing can strengthen the tie between ourselves and the motherland more than the immense influx of British settlers which is helping to rapidly people the two new provinces of the Northwest. This will undoubtedly be increased by the construction of the new trans-continental railway, which will open

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### REBATE CASES.

Indictments Returned Against Shippers, Freight Agents and Common Carriers.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 14.—Eight indictments were returned by the federal grand jury to-day against shippers, freight agents and common carriers in the rebate cases brought to the attention of the grand jury yesterday by United States District Attorney J. W. Thompson. The indictments returned follow: The Great Northern Railway Company for offering a rebate to R. D. Wood & Company, of this city, on a shipment of 1,500 tons of iron pipe to Winnipeg; C. E. Campbell, local freight agent of the Great Northern, same charge; L. W. Lake, of New York, general eastern agent of the Mutual Transit Company, granting and giving a rebate to the Wood Company; Walter Wood, George Wood, Stewart Wood and Richard Wood, members of the Wood company, accepting and receiving rebates; Paul J. Diver, local agent of the Mutual Transit Company, offering a rebate to the National Essence & Coffee Company, of his city, on a shipment from Philadelphia to Minneapolis; Mutual Transit Company, for offering a rebate in the same transaction; Paul J. Diver offering and giving rebate (two counts) to the National Essence & Coffee Company on a shipment from Philadelphia to Winnipeg; April 17th, 1905; Mutual Transit Company, offering and giving rebates (two counts) in the same transaction.

Many witnesses were summoned to give testimony in the two cases. Immunity from punishment was granted those principals in the cases who appeared before the jury and give evidence. For instance, President C. M. Head, of Buffalo, president and general manager of the Mutual Transit Company, who was summoned as a witness in the Wood case, was not indicted, but a true bill was returned against an agent of the company who was not asked to appear. Neither was indictment brought against the traffic manager of the Wood Company, who obtained the rebate for his firm. In the case of the National Essence & Coffee Company, the indictments were brought against the carrier and its agent—the shipping company—having furnished the evidence.

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### CANAL APPROPRIATION.

Lengthy Debate in United States Senate—The Question of Route.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate spent four hours to-day in discussing the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill, and when it adjourned the bill was still under consideration. There were speeches by Messrs. Teller, Scott and Morgan, and were followed by a general debate, in which all phases of the controversy were exploited, including salaries, control of the Panama railway, and the necessity for general legislation on the canal.

Messrs. Teller, Scott and Morgan expressed dissatisfaction with the conditions in Panama, but all indicated a determination to support measures necessary to secure the construction of the canal as at present undertaken. Mr. Teller advocated a sea-level canal. Mr. Scott spoke in support of the San Blas route as preferable to the others, and Mr. Morgan expressed the opinion that before the Panama canal will be necessary to do the business required.

Mr. Morgan expressed the opinion that in view of the divided opinion of the engineers on the Panama route it would be wise to order an immediate survey of the San Blas route.

Mr. Morgan said that he had been misquoted as having said that there had been graft in connection with the management of the canal and quoted what he said: "If," he added, "any graft has occurred it will be found in connection with the management of the Panama railroad."



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### MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES

Hon. R. G. Tattou, Finance Minister, has returned from the East, well pleased with his trip and satisfied with the results thereof. Notwithstanding the fact that we deplore the political associations of the Finance Minister, we believe he means well as a servant of the people of British Columbia, and that he would possibly have achieved something worth while if he had been so fortunate as to fall in with better company. But as the twig is bent so is the bough inclined. However, Hon. Mr. Tattou remains frank and ingenuous notwithstanding his connections. He laughs meaningly when reference is made in his presence to the "departmental business," upon which he and his distinguished chief were so suddenly called to Ottawa. He candidly admits that when in the East the ministers took the opportunity of paying their respects to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Mr. J. H. Hill, Mr. F. W. Morse and other well-known figures in the railway and transportation business.

The hon. the Premier will tell us when he comes back, having completed his mission to Boston and New York and other centres in which prominent financial magnates most do congregate and manipulate, that the ministers merely performed acts of courtesy in calling and paying their respects to other gentlemen prominent in the eyes of the public. Sir Thomas and others might have felt that a slight had been intended if our representatives had neglected to comply with the punctilious of high society.

But the Finance Minister, lacking the fineness of an accomplished political leader, acknowledges that the railway situation in British Columbia received attention in the conferences with the magnate. He does not care to particularise or to enter into details. He leaves that for his chief to do when he arrives home after he has completed the ceremonious and educational part of his programme. So, having given Leader Horden a few hints on the subject of how to achieve success though handicapped by the record of Toryism in Canada and surrounded by disloyal supporters, having coached Premier Whitney of Ontario and Premier Roblin of Manitoba on matters of practical import to leaders who, having attained power are desirous of retaining it—having strewed abroad in the places where it will do the most good a portion of the political wisdom he possesses in such abundance, the Premier will come back and tell us something about the provincial railway policy of his government. He cannot hold back now that his forerunner the Finance Minister has paved the way for a statement.

Baptist and the Great One who is to follow with explicit statements. Premier McBride stated, in an interview with a Montreal newspaper man: "Our policy has not been to assist the big railways, yet there is more extensive railway building in British Columbia to-day than at any time since the commencement of the Canadian Pacific. The policy of refusing to assist railways can scarcely be called a policy at all. But if a negative policy has been so conducive of activity, why depart from it? Unless of course it is felt that something must be done for which the government can claim credit, as it is evident that other influences than those exerted by the McBride administration brought about the state of gratifying activity that exists to-day. In British Columbia, from long experience of the methods of certain politicians, we have fallen into the habit of associating announcements of legislatures and appeals to the constituencies. That is the reason so much interest attaches to the visit of the ministers to the East on "departmental business" and to what the Premier will have to say when he comes back.

### BERNHARDT'S OPINIONS

Sara Bernhardt, "the divine one," gave deep offence to the students of Laval University, Montreal, by declaring that Canada, while she had made great progress in agriculture, had produced no great figures in literature, arts and science. It is not clear to us why the young gentlemen of Laval should have been moved to make demonstrations against the French actress because of such a statement. Mme. Bernhardt simply betrayed her ignorance if she uttered the words credited to her. The sons and daughters of Canada, all things considered, considering their relative numerical strength and their opportunities, have made a very respectable name for their country in the realms of letters, art and science. One of the sweetest singers of the century just ended, one who was second only to the great Patti, was a native of the province of Quebec. In the histrionic art, doubtless, Mistress Bernhardt is unapproachable, but leaving her in the class to which she belongs, or is credited by her admirers will adorn in the secondary grade there are some Canadians who have made no mean reputations upon the stage in the United States and in Great Britain, in which countries the public have some slight appreciation, perhaps, of artistic genius. The French, also, are indebted to a Canadian for the invention of the telephone which is in daily use and has become so indispensable in commercial and social intercourse. And so we hold, all things considered, we, as a people, have made no insignificant contribution to the enjoyments and comforts of the nations.

We fear prejudice on two sides was responsible for the sensation the actress created on her visit to this country. There is, perhaps, something connected with the life and works of Mme. Bernhardt that is repugnant to the austere moral sentiments of the rising French-Canadian. On the other side, it is possible that from superficial observation the actress proceeded to generalise in a somewhat offensive manner on the subject of Canadian activities. The church in Quebec expressed its disapproval of the play in which the "divine one" gave expression to her art, and she in retaliation struck back in statements reflecting upon the standards of culture to which we have attained. We believe the foregoing just about sums up the situation, which would have been unworthy of attention but for the impetuosity of the patriot-ism of a mob of French-Canadian boys. The Premier of Canada, with the grace and tact for which he is noted, interposed and apologized for the thoughtless act of the students. The apology was accepted, and the "entente cordiale" has been restored.

### AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY

At last a man has been discovered who possesses characteristics we can all admire in the abstract. He is a man who is well acquainted with conditions as they exist, who aspires to nothing higher than his present condition in life, and who is content to labor in the field Providence appears to have assigned for the utilization of his talents and activities. He is not a millionaire many times multiplied. He is simply a philosophic minister of the Gospel. And the interesting thing is that this happy individual lives and labors in the United States, where all men are supposed to be free and where fortune has dealt so unequally with freemen. According to the evidence of the New York Times, a reliable newspaper, Rev. J. W. Bachman, who for thirty-three years has been pastor of Chathamoga's (Tenn.) First Presbyterian church—and incidentally the personal friend of everybody, white and black, in the little city, and its natural, inevitable, but entirely modest leader in all good works and uplifting movements—refused an unsolicited increase of his pastoral salary. Refusal and explanation, says the Times, are alike incomprehensible under the common theories as to a universal hunger for money—honestly earned money, that is, for even the dismissal of his pretensions do not obtain that everybody will steal. Dr. Bachman quietly told his congregation that it had always given to him and his church to provide them with good food, good rail-

ment and an adequate roof, and had added enough to make easy the gratification of his known wants for travel and recreation. And not only, said he, did he find his present salary quite sufficient for all his needs, but he feared that a larger remuneration might lead him into habits of ease and self-indulgence difficult to overcome when old age arrived—an apprehension the gentle humor of which will be fully appreciated only in Chattanooga. So the doctor advised his parishioners to divert such extra money as they were free to give from himself to the poor, to struggling churches and to missions, at home and abroad. Now, what are we to think of a man like this?—that he is a phenomenal exception whose light only illumines the general moral gloom, or as the representative—emphasized representative, perhaps, but still a typical figure—of a class very much larger than that of the ruthless exploiters and unfaithful trustees to-day in the centre of the American stage? It's the old story—goodness, the regular performance of duty, is not "news," is not exciting, does not supply much material for discussion or for comment unless it be of the obituarial sort. For this fact the papers are scolded by many an estimable correspondent, but the fact cannot be as lamentable as these correspondents so confidently assume, since, like other facts of its kind, it is a direct result of the way in which the world and inhabitants were made—or evolved, if one must be up-to-date.

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### ANIMALS THAT LIKE TOBACCO

Terrier Grew Fond of His Pipe—Monkey Addicted to Snuff.

Most animals have an utter abhorrence of tobacco in any shape or form, says the proprietor of a menagerie. I have myself made even a really ferocious dog turn tail simply by puffing smoke in its face, but I do not recommend the means as one to be always relied on.

But to this rule, as to all others, there are exceptions, and numerous instances are known of animals possessing a positive love for the fragrant weed. Dogs, it is well known, can be taught to do almost everything but talk, and in my early days I was connected with a circus which possessed the unique attraction of a terrier which, among other tricks, had been instructed in the art of smoking a clay pipe. The curious point was that the animal actually got to enjoy its pipe and would insist on having it at the usual time every Sunday, as in the performance on week days.

The parrot is perhaps of all birds the most apt to take up bad habits. A friend of mine has one which is passionately fond of eating and chewing tobacco. If given a sufficient quantity the bird will make itself positively drunk with the nicotine, and will stagger about its cage in exact imitation of the actions of an intoxicated human being. Long practice has made the bird somewhat of a connoisseur, respecting its favorite luxury, and it now treats fine cut tobacco with contempt. Its particular delight is the ram soaked plug affected by sailors.

It is among the simian tribes that tobacco loving quadrupeds are most frequent. This is probably owing to the monkey's overpowering faculty for imitation, which sometimes gets it into trouble. I remember an amusing instance. A man after puffing at a cigarette for a time threw it down near a monkey, which had been watching the proceedings intently. The animal approached it up and puffed gravely for a few minutes. Then a look of intense bewilderment stole over its face, and throwing the cigarette down it retired into a corner, evidently very ill.

A gentleman in the north of England has a monkey which is addicted to snuff. The animal has been taught to take a pinch from the box of a visitor with all the courtesy and grace prevalent in the days when snuff taking was the fashion.—Tit-Bits.

### A Full House

Theatrical managers and poker players are not the only people to whom a "full house" is important. It is important to the man who keeps boarders, or lodgers for profit. Again the moral: Use the west columns.

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—Come and buy your Xmas boots and slippers where you will get good reliable ones at the cheapest retail prices. Watson's Shoe Store, Yates street.

—W. Dickson, 25 Johnson street, won the gold chain at the St. Mary's bazaar.

—Flower vases that are different, color, a rich dark green—embellished with a lovely design in coin gold. Only a few—just one or two of a kind—an artistic charm, \$1.25 and \$1.75 each. Weller Bros.

—China Painters.—The white china for painting has arrived—make your selections early. Weller Bros.

—Paris panels (about twice the size of cabinets) at \$7.00 is the Xmas special at the Skene Lowe studio.

—Cigars? What brand? Why, "Mr Choice" brand. They're fine Schnoter & Sons 148 Government Street.

—Ladies are invited to see our line of handsome smoking jackets for Christmas. They're beautiful, and he would like one; \$5.00 to \$10.00. "Fit Reform," 73 Government street.

—Tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 p. m. the children will have an opportunity of seeing the real live Santa Claus. He will appear for a short time in the show window of Wilby's bazaar, 91 Douglas street.

—Ladies' fancy rockers in oak and mahogany, from \$5.00 to \$7.00. Pretty, comfortable and durable. Smith & Chappin, 100 Douglas street. Phone, 715.

—James Hunter, until recently accountant in the Victoria office of the Hudson Bay Company, has left for Vancouver for the purpose of managing the Mainland branch of Messrs. Pither & Leiser. His departure will be regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

—In connection with the recent parlor show held under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel Club the appended prize winners in the fox terrier class were inadvertently omitted: Puppy dogs, 1st, Mac, Mr. J. H. Angus, 2nd, Toga, J. R. Saunders. Open Bitches, 1st, Gyp, Mrs. J. S. Burley.

—E. R. Stephen, local agent of the Great Northern railway has received a notice from headquarters, St. Paul, to the effect that in addition to a dining car conductor, a sleeping car conductor has been appointed, with no other duties to perform than to look after the welfare of the passengers patronizing the line.

—The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Donahue at the Home For Aged Women. She passed away very suddenly while dressing, as a result of heart failure. Deceased was 84 years of age, and a native of Ireland. She leaves a number of relatives residing in Nanaimo to mourn her loss. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

—The Lynn Canal steamer Amur of the C. P. R. fleet, Capt. Hughes, called from Skagway on Monday night at 7 o'clock for this port. The Amur on her down trip will call at Ketchikan, Port Simpson and Port Eslington, leaving Skagway for the Amur had forty passengers. This is considered an extra large list for this time of the year on the Skagway route, but the reason given for so much travel is that northerners are coming out to spend the Christmas holidays.

—Last evening Mr. K. C. Bushell and Miss Emily May Knight, both of Victoria, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rexford, 191 Johnson street, by Rev. Horace Carson, pastor of the Congregational church. Mr. Knight, a brother of the groom, acted as groomsmen, while Miss Bushell performed the duties of bridesmaid. The guests afterwards sat down to an excellent repast, taking advantage of the opportunity to wish the newly married couple happiness and prosperity.

—The regular meeting of the Laborers' Union will be held this evening, and, as there will be important business, every member is urged to attend.

—In the provincial police court this afternoon Douglas McGary will appear before the police magistrate, charged with shooting two hen pheasants contrary to the Game Act.

—The pupils of the city schools have been asked to contribute to the Friendly Help Association by taking donations to the schools to-morrow morning. In all six buildings tables will be arranged for receiving the gifts forthcoming.

—Last evening Detective Macdonald and Constable O'Leary arrested a Chinaman on the charge of forging an order up the E. & N. railway. The case did not come up in the police court this morning, but will probably be dealt with to-morrow.

—The farmers of Saanich, Victoria district and the lower mainland are considering the establishment in this city at an early date of a farmers' exchange, for the purpose of disposing of all produce at uniform rates without the aid of the middleman.

—A basketball match was played between the Y. M. C. A. and Fifth Regiment teams last evening at the drill hall. It resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 24 to 17 points. Next week, probably on Thursday night, the regimental team will meet a Seattle aggregation in a friendly contest.

—Messrs. McLennan and E. Cunningham, prominent merchants of Vancouver, are in the city to-day, and it is reported are interviewing Victorians respecting the conflict between the business houses of the Terminal City and the C. P. R. Company. They are desirous of getting the support of Victorians in the stand Vancouver has taken.

—The remains of William Withers, who died at Rock Bay, B. C., on the 11th inst., were brought over from Vancouver last evening and will be interred to-morrow, the funeral taking place from the Hanna parlors, Yates street, at 10 a.m. Rev. Mr. Thompson will officiate. The deceased was for many years mate on the steamer Thistle.

—The Victoria Creamery Association recently appointed an inspector to interview patrons who supply cream and see that their dairies are kept in a sanitary condition in order that clean cream may be furnished to the establishment. It is also the intention of the association to install a cold storage plant early in the spring, the probable cost being \$1,500.

—The funeral of George Mitchell took place this morning from the Hanna parlors, Yates street. Rev. M. G. Andreades, rector of the Greek-Russian orthodox church of Seattle, conducted the services. There was a large attendance and many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Geo. Balsom, V. Pappas, V. Paul and D. Cartakay.

—In the police court this morning the case of the Chinaman charged with assaulting a little Chinese girl was withdrawn. The Chinaman's friends claim he is insane and intend to send him to Vancouver, where he will take the next trans-Pacific liner for his native soil. The six boys who are charged with infraction of the license regulations were also remanded.

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—The local branch of the Merchant Service Guild of Canada, or what is generally known as the Shipmasters' Association, held a meeting last evening at their hall, Government street. Among other business the following officers were elected: Hon. president, Capt. J. G. Cox; president, Capt. F. E. Ferris; first vice-president, Capt. J. O. Townsend; second vice-president, Capt. Geo. Robertson, Nelson, B. C.; secretary-treasurer, A. B. McNeill; trustees, Capt. D. G. Macaulay; Capt. J. M. Newcomb, Capt. Thos. Brown and Capt. Stanley Fraser. Throughout the proceedings the utmost good feeling and harmony prevailed. Some of the danger points in navigation were considered, after which the meeting adjourned to the last Thursday in December.

**DEATH OF CAPT. COX.**  
Died in Vancouver This Morning From Injuries Received From a Kicking Horse.

Last evening a telephone message was received in Victoria from Vancouver announcing that Captain Rupert Cox had been kicked by a horse and that his injuries were very serious. In response to the message Captains J. G. Cox and William Cox at once prepared to leave on the Mainland boat last night, but before they reached the Terminal City information was received that the injured man had died at 5 o'clock this morning.

The late Captain Cox, though a resident of the Terminal City, was well known in Victoria, this city having been his home for many years. For long he was engaged in the sealing business, commanding different vessels out of this port, his able, kindly manners making for him firm friends wherever he went. There have been no more prominent men in the sealing business than the Cox brothers, and the sympathy of the entire community will be felt for Captains William and James G. in their present bereavement.

—Captain Rupert Cox in late years followed the steamship business on the Yukon, having more recently had command of a government steamer. Owning the Maple Leaf livery stable in Vancouver, he usually spent the winter in the milder climate of that city, and it was here it is understood that he met the accident mentioned. Deceased, who was 61 years of age, leaves a widow and three sons in Nova Scotia; his only son in Vancouver to mourn his loss.

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GAZETTE NOTICES

Appointments Made by the Government—Applications For Charters.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

- James Evans, of Salmon Arm, to be a Justice of the Peace. Charles Isaac Allen, of Whaletown, Cortez Island, to be a Justice of the Peace. Hugh Peed Lane, Bayville, J. P., and Robert Cecil Cotton, of Chilliwack, and Sidney Williams, of Quessell, to be deputy game wardens for the Lillooet and Cariboo electoral districts.

Notice is given that public offices of the provincial government will be closed Tuesday, December 26th instant, and Tuesday, January 2nd, 1906. Certificates of incorporation have been granted to the following companies:

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BUSINESS BEFORE BOARD OF TRADE

SEYMOUR NARROWS BRIDGE DEALT WITH

Resolution Passed Asking For Grant From Parliament to Ascertain Cost of Work.

The board of trade held its monthly general meeting last evening. The president, T. W. Paterson, M. P., occupied the chair.

The first subject to come up for discussion was the question of a new dredge to replace the Muddark. It was pointed out that apparently there was some misunderstanding as Geo. Riley, M. P., understood that a dredge was to be built, while a communication from the department of public works indicated that no appropriation had been made for the purpose.

C. H. Lugin said it was generally understood that the appropriation had been made. Mr. Riley intended to proceed to Ottawa to clear the matter up.

S. J. Pitts advocated writing to the department of works in order to clear the matter up, and moved in that direction.

J. A. Mara said that the inference to be drawn from the minister's letter was that there was no appropriation.

President Paterson said that he thought that in the estimates it would be found that there was \$50,000 of an appropriation for general dredging. It was likely the intention to proceed with the building of a dredge here from that amount.

Mr. Lugin said that another member of the House of Commons in British Columbia had said that there was an appropriation for a dredge.

A. McKewen moved that a telegraphic message be sent to the minister asking if this appropriation had been made.

It was decided to telegraph for information.

Secretary Elworthy called attention to the fact that the reply of the C.P.R. respecting freight rates to Calgary and Edmonton had been received.

Mr. Mara thought the report should be given to the press so that it might come before the public.

President Paterson suggested that the report be referred to the railway committee and handed to the press for publication.

A motion to this effect was carried. The committee on pilotage reported, submitting the communications relative to pilotage, which had been passed between the secretary of the board and the department at Ottawa. The committee asked further time.

The report was received and adopted, the committee was thanked and granted further time.

Mr. Lugin moved as follows: Resolved, that the boards of trade and other representative bodies of Vancouver Island be and they are hereby requested to unite with this board in a memorial to the Dominion government, asking that a grant may be made at the next session of parliament to defray the expenses of ascertaining the cost of making a connection by railway between Vancouver Island and the Mainland of British Columbia, by way of Seymour Narrows and Bute Inlet.

Further resolved, that the Hon. Senator Templeman, the Hon. Senator Macdonald, and Messrs. George Riley, M. P., Ralph Smith, M. P., and William Sloan, M. P., be requested to use their influence toward the securing of such a grant.

Mr. Lugin said that the minister of railways had asked him to go into this subject. The minister of railways and other cabinet members expressed themselves as not being well acquainted with the project, and of being desirous of getting fuller knowledge as to the cost, etc.

This was a subject in which Victorians should be intensely interested. He had made careful inquiries into the subject, and found that the best way to reach Bute Inlet from the Island seemed to be by way of a bridge at Seymour Narrows.

There are three ways in which connection could be made between Vancouver Island and a transcontinental railway coming to the coast by way of Bute Inlet. One was by a ferry 15 miles long from Chatham Point, Vancouver Island, to the head of Frederick Arm, another was by four bridges, one at Arran rapids, 1,100 feet long, and others at the three openings of Cardero Channel, respectively 1,350 feet, 1,140 feet and 640 feet long, the railway to be extended to a point on Valdez Island from which there would be a ferry two miles long to Chatham Point, another was by constructing in addition to the above named bridges, three others, namely, one at Middle Channel, 1,100 feet long, and two at Seymour Narrows, 1,200 and 1,300 feet long, respectively, which would give unbroken rail connection between the Mainland and the Island.

Mr. Lugin read from a dispatch to show that car ferries were an important feature of transportation at the present time. The dispatch reported that Mackenzie & Mann were contemplating an ice breaking ferry on Lake Superior to form a part of a transcontinental system, the connection being from Port Arthur to avoid the building of a railway along the north shore of Lake Superior. He himself was not prepared to say that Victorians would be satisfied with a car ferry to the Mainland. What was wanted he believed was a bridge. Hon. Senator Templeman and Mr. Riley were ready to assist in every way. Mr. Smith, Mr. Sloan and Senator Macdonald would be felt sure lend their assistance. The boards of trade and city councils should also be interested in this.

Mr. Pitts in seconding the resolution thought this was a very opportune time to bring this up. With the general progress of western Canada Victorians should take a part.

The resolution carried. An invitation was read from the Canadian Forestry Association asking the board to appoint delegates to a convention to be held in Ottawa on the 11th, 12th and 13th of January next.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.



Tossed by the Bulls, and ripped by the Bears, Harassed and worried by manifold cares, With stocks on the whoop that he thought would go down,

And the up-stocks slumping, and all of the town Roaring and slamming about his ears, He grabbed his hat, and chased by his fears That prodded him on with vicious punch, He rushed away for his noon-time lunch.

He saw men lined at gilded bars, But he knew that the Field of that Cup deals scars, Smoothing the nerves for a time, perhaps, But saving a knockout for mistle chaps.

But he knew of a cup that has truly cheered, And around the corner he briskly steered, And took it brimming, and spicy, and hot, From the pretty girl of the coffee-pot. And his soul was soothed, he forgot his cares

And was ready again for the Bulls and Bears. Then over the rim of his cup he gazed At the pretty girl as the draught he praised. "How do you make it, my pretty maid?" "Use CHASE & SANBORN'S—that's all!" she said.

It was resolved to ask Mr. Riley, who was going to Ottawa, to represent the board. The president was also empowered to delegate any other representatives who might be visiting Ottawa.

The meeting then adjourned.

CANCELLING CLOSE SEASON. Letter Received by Mayor Barnard From Ottawa Relative to the Subject.

A few days ago the Times in a special dispatch from Ottawa announced that the government would cancel the prohibition against the taking of sockeye salmon in 1906. This prohibition was provided for conditional upon Washington state taking similar action. The failure of the latter to agree to this has been followed by the decision of the Ottawa government to cancel the prohibition in so far as it relates to Canada.

Mayor Barnard has received a letter from the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa touching upon the question, which reads as follows: Department of Marine and Fisheries, Deputy Minister's Office, Ottawa, December 14th, 1905.

Dear Sir:—In the absence of the Honorable Mr. Prentiss, I beg to refer you to his letter of the 24th February last, touching the suggestion for conjoint regulations applicable to the salmon fisheries of British Columbia adjacent to the State of Washington, and the closure of sockeye canning and fishing in 1906 and 1907.

That letter explained most fully the conditions obtaining and the reasons which actuated the minister in reaching a decision to provide for the closure in the event of the efforts said to be exerted on the part of the Washington State authorities proving efficacious.

It was pointed out that if the net result of the negotiations left the Washington State side without any corresponding prohibition, in the face of that provided by Canada, there was a very simple remedy at all times available in the passage of an order in council cancelling the Canadian restriction.

The department is in receipt of telegraphic communication from the chairman of the British Columbia fisheries commission, now in progress in the province, stating that it is unanimously recommended, because of the failure of the Washington State legislature to provide requisite legislation for the closure during the approaching season of 1906, that the prohibition conditionally provided by Canada, applicable to that year, be cancelled.

Under the circumstances and conditions obtaining, I may say that immediate steps will be taken to procure the requisite authority to cancel the prohibition so far as 1906 is concerned; but that portion of the order in council which applies to 1907 will not at present be intimated with.

This announcement is made in advance of the passage of the order in council formally rescinding the closure for 1906, in order to afford those interested ample time to arrange for conditions different from those under the anticipated closure. Yours faithfully,

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The Victoria No. 2 Building Society The 8th Drawing for an Appropriation in connection with the above Society will be held at 15 Trounce Ave. on Thursday, 21st December, 1905, at 8 p.m. See that your shares are in good standing. By order, A. F. G. FLINT, Secretary.

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## ARION CLUB GAVE A SPLENDID CONCERT

Institute Hall Was Filled Last Evening by an Enthusiastic and Most Loving Audience.

Compared with their concerts in other years, that given last evening by the Arion Club in Institute hall and marking the club's fourteenth season, will go on record as one of the best and most satisfying yet held. This in itself stamps the event as a triumph of which the worthy leader, E. Howard Russell, can justly feel proud. Every seat in the hall was occupied, and the audience, evidently delighted with the music provided, proved a very warm and enthusiastic one.

The club had the assistance of the following: Mrs. Helen Howard Lennell, of Seattle, soprano; Miss Miles, A. R. C. M., pianist; Mr. R. Nash, violinist; A. Parfit, violoncellist, and G. J. Burnett, organist.

Mrs. Lennell has a contralto voice of good quality, and her selections added a special charm to the programme. Miss Miles' playing was a star attraction of the programme. She has the art that sets musicians talking, as it creates the very best introduction and leaves the listener with a musical taste that lingers. Miss Miles is regarded by musicians in the city as one of the finest pianists ever heard in Victoria.

Mr. Burnett and E. Grant, two other local musicians, were also warmly received. The former received congratulations on the initial production of his compositions.

The programme of the concert has heretofore been published. Owing to the lack of space it is impossible to refer at length to the various numbers rendered by the club. Suffice it to say that the twenty-five members of the organization sustained its reputation, singing well every selection and in some instances rousing the greatest enthusiasm.

Arthur E. Valois, former counsel to the United States consul-general, who was made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1902, was Thursday promoter of the concert. He is, according to a Paris dispatch, to be born in Valois, Canada.

## MINSTRELS LAST NIGHT

Haverly Company Delighted Victorians—Double Bill at Watson's.

Haverly's Mastodon Minstrel's annual appearance at the Victoria theatre last evening failed to draw the house the reputation of the company merit. The show has been considerably changed since its previous engagement here, but still possesses the water-melon scene in the first part, also the wonderful contortionist turn, which is one of the best of the kind seen on the stage. There are also a number of very good singers with the company, especially Walter A. Wolf, the intrepid, who uses a capital bass voice to the best advantage.

Marion and Pearl in acrobatic work presented some of the finest jumping and high kicking ever seen in Victoria, one of their cleverest turns being a contortionist twist in the air that is really remarkable. Another very enjoyable attraction was the horn and xylophone playing by Gardner and Somers. A great many of the jokes and funny stories told were of the antiquated kind, but created a great deal of laughter, and in this way served their purpose. Furthermore, there was no belated exhibition of humor throughout the show such as has been seen in connection with many minstrel performances in years past.

Watson's Theatre.

Watson's theatre was packed last evening with a most enthusiastic audience, who had turned out to witness the Watson Company's production of "The Deserter" and "Dora Thorne."

The first bill is a curtain raiser written by Manager Albert J. Watson around an incident that took place during the late Civil War in the States. The story, which is of deep heart interest, is most interestingly told. There are but three characters in the little drama, but each is cleverly drawn. "The Deserter" certainly proved Mr. Watson's ability as a capable playwright.

The curtain-raiser was followed by an excellent dramatization of Bertha M. Clay's celebrated novel, "Dora Thorne." Miss Clay's story is as well known that comment as to its merit is unnecessary, other than to say that in its dramatic form "Dora Thorne" is even more interesting than as a novel. The comedy element is very strong, but there are moments of pathos as well, which give the piece the required light and shade. The audience was

most appreciative last evening, and there was any amount of good honest applause showered on the players.

The scenic effects are worthy of special mention. "Dora Thorne" in connection with the curtain raiser, "The Deserter" is an evening's entertainment worth many times the price charged at the Watson.

These two bills will run out the balance of the week with the usual Saturday matinee. Next week "Charley's Aunt" and "Our Boys" will be presented.

"The Prince of Pilsen."

In any musical comedy the "catchy" quality of the music is the truest measure of popularity. Gustav Luders has contributed to the score of "The Prince of Pilsen," which Manager Henry W. Savage sends to the Victoria theatre on Monday next, some of the most fascinating music he has ever written, and Frank Pixley has provided situations of such romantic and picturesque nature as to readily suggest lyrics of rare poetic value and idealism. There are more than a score of song hits in "The Prince of Pilsen," and all seem to have attained enduring popularity. "The Song of the Cities" is a number that always scores emphatically. Other songs that have gained equal or greater favor are "The Tale of the Sea Shell," "The Message of the Violet," "Heidelberg," "Pictures in the Smoke," "The Pretty City Widow," and "Back to the Boulevard."

After suffering from pains in her jaw for a time, Elizabeth Kaiser-Martina, fifty-six years old, of Temavara, Hungary, has been found to have two new teeth. She lost the last of her old teeth many years ago.

During total eclipses animals have been observed to fall asleep, thus showing that this condition is not due to habit, but to the absence of light so acting upon the nervous system as to invite repose.

A company has been formed at Berne, in Switzerland, for manufacturing a new kind of combustible from peat. One hundred tons a day are to be produced at first, and afterwards this may be doubled.

If you are going East, take the Northern Pacific's popular electric lighted train "The North Coast Limited."

## WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 14-5 a. m.—Little change has occurred in the weather conditions since yesterday, the barometer remaining low along the Coast and across the Dominion to Manitoba. The weather remains fairly throughout the Western portion of the continent, and is comparatively mild in Cariboo, Kootenay and the prairie provinces.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, mostly cloudy and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy, not much change in temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 2 miles N. E. weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 22; minimum, 22; wind, 6 miles S. W. weather, cloudy.

Hanksville—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles S. E. weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 28; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles S. W. weather, fair.

## THE COST OF LIFE INSURANCE

(Monetary Times, Oct. 26th.)

There are evidences of uneasiness in the public mind lest some of the weaknesses of administration now being laid bare by the examination of life insurance companies in the United States may be found to exist in Canada. And this apprehension is hardly likely to be allayed without some sort of examination of companies by a competent authority. The revelations made at the New York inquiry, which has been going on for some weeks, have already had the effect of seriously lessening the number of new policies being taken out in the three largest of the United States companies doing business in Canada. And it is quite possible that the fear of extravagance in management of Canadian life companies may deter many from doing what they ought to do, and otherwise disposed to do, in securing indemnity for their families or dependents. Life insurance as a beneficent system ought not to suffer from a fear which may be exaggerated, if not groundless, but steps ought to be taken to remove that fear. If comparison in addition to that of the superintendent of insurance at Ottawa will satisfy the doubters, let it be had. Sound companies do not fear it, and unsound ones cannot too soon be uncovered.

Looking over the completed insurance report for 1932 of the superintendent, this week to hand, it is found that there are fifty-three regular life insurance companies reported upon as doing business in Canada besides four using the reinsurance plan. Forty of these are termed active companies, i. e., those taking new policies. Twenty-one of them are Canadian, seven British, and twelve American. They took fresh \$188,000,000 in aggregate of insurance in force exceeds \$27,000,000, an increase of nearly \$10,000,000 over 1931. For every \$100 premiums received there was paid to policyholders \$83.47, leaving \$16.53 to be carried to reserve, expense and profit. This leads us to remark upon the expenses of companies, a direction in which we are convinced economies are practicable. Out of more than fifteen millions of dollars paid for net premiums to Canadian companies last year, almost one-third went for expenses of conducting the companies. That is to say, 23.08 per cent of the total premium income and 25.6 per cent of the total income was thus absorbed. So much should not be necessary. Half the amount is found sufficient for the purpose by companies in Great Britain, and we do not see how Canadian companies should need double what they find ample. Different elements that enter into various phases of the business, make it unfair to apply the same test to all, namely, the percentage of expense to income. But out of twenty companies we may take half, and compare their ratio of expense. The newer companies are at a disadvantage in such a comparison, and industries companies must necessarily be at greater expense. Still we compare the older and larger companies as under, giving total income and total expenses, and noting the percentage in each case. They are placed in the order of their gross amount in force:

Company	Total General Expense to Income, Expenses, Income	P.C. of ex-
Canada Life	\$4,287,639	\$ 21,609 21.46
Sun Life	4,541,776	3,286,921 24.69
Mutual of Canada	1,725,238	26,662 1.54
Confederation	1,702,799	21,402 18.46
North American	1,504,083	28,496 28.23
Manufacturers	1,629,167	28,645 23.78
Great West	296,209	22,877 27.86
Imperial	98,975	28,382 28.67
Federal	617,832	17,000 2.75
Dominion	2,236,763	56,127 24.24

The Great West and the Imperial, being younger companies, must be expected to have a larger ratio of expense than older ones. The like may be said of the Excelsior and the Hope Life, which are not in the above list. The London would probably show a smaller ratio but for its large share of industrial business. Of the ten companies listed above, the average expense is 24.43 per cent of the total income. The lowest being 17.38, and the highest 28.15. The question is not whether the expense of the Canadian life are larger than those of the Mutual Life, or the Confederation Life, both of which are younger companies. The still larger ratio of the Sun is to be accounted for, we presume, because it does business in so many distant parts of the world where its Canadian competitors have not penetrated. It is to be remembered, besides, that the Canada, the Confederation, the Imperial, the Manufacturers, the Mutual, the North American, and the Sun all do business outside the Dominion, and this adds to their expense ratio. We happen to know that the managers of some of our life companies are very desirous to lower their ratio of expense, but the fear of losing business appears to deter them from any decisive step in reduction of commissions, and what not. The present is a good time to make resolves in the direction of economy where economy is needed.

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THE FINANCES OF LACROSSE CLUB

GRATIFYING REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

Victoria Association Practically Clear of Debt—Presentation of Cups and Medals—Notes.

A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening to participate in the proceedings of the semi-annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club.

Table with financial data: Gates at Oak Bay park, Expenses from outside clubs, Return of verified cheque, etc.

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On behalf of the members J. D. Gillie concentrated the executive upon the success of their efforts to place the club on a first-class financial basis.

credit for the success attending their endeavor to reduce the debt. Concluding, he called for three cheers for the executive. The response was most hearty.

It was announced that the cups were perpetual challenge trophies. The general meeting then dispersed, and the executive held a short session at which it was agreed to take immediate steps towards clearing the note at the bank.

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A communication has been received from the Ladies' Club by the secretary of the Vancouver Island Football Association requesting a postponement of the contest, which was to have been played to-morrow between the Garrison and Ladysmith teams on the latter's grounds.

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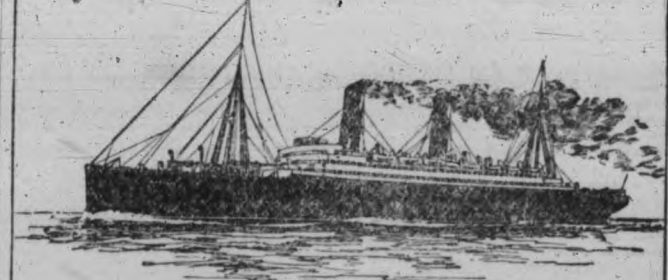
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Preliminary I am instructed by the Rev. A. Ewing, who is leaving the city, to sell at his residence, 275 MENZIES STREET, CORNER OF DALLAS ROAD, THURSDAY, 21st, at 2 P. M.

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Messrs. L. Eaton & Co. Will hold a grand sale of Christmas Goods on Saturday night, December 16th, at 8 P. M., consisting of Japanese Teas, Sets, Japanese Vases, Japanese Jardiniere, etc.

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BRIEF LOCALS

Divine services will be held tomorrow (Saturday) in the Seventh Day Adventist church, 231 Pandora avenue, as follows: 2.30 p.m., Sabbath school; 2.30 p.m., quarterly meeting and ordination. Elder Wm. C. Young will be in charge.

An adjourned meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association will be held at the city hall on Monday afternoon at 2.30. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested. The election of officers for the year will take place and the annual financial statement will be submitted.

The sailheads lightship at the entrance of the Fraser river will be re-established about the 20th inst. Two fixed white lights 20 feet apart will be shown horizontally, one at each mast head. In other respects the lightship will be unchanged. On the vessel being replaced in position the light in the sailheads lightship will be discontinued.

A Mexico correspondent writing under date of December 6th says: Sojourning at the palatial Hotel Iberide, in the city of Mexico, are the following well known British gentlemen: Everett Ward, ex-N. W. M. P., who made a fortune in the Kimberly; R. Machin, of the Bennett Fuse Company, Victoria; Mike King and Frank Turner, both of Victoria, and the latter of whom comes in daily from the famous health resort for dyspepsia, the Tehuacan Springs. The Iberide was the place of the first ruler of Mexico after independence, in 1821.

The Victoria West Lodge, No. 29, I. O. G. T., had their usual weekly meeting in temple hall on Wednesday evening last, with a fairly good muster of members. Owing to unavoidable circumstances some of the officers were absent. Bro. Robinson, on being invited to preside over the meeting, appointed officers (two terms) to fill vacancies, after which the lodge business was dealt with. One candidate was admitted and three others elected for initiation at the next meeting. During recess a very amusing round and auction sale took place. Bro. Blackman acting as auctioneer, ably assisted by Bro. Waller, whose combined energies were crowned with success. Harmony then came in order. The following members contributing: Bro. Blackman, song; Bro. Semple, recitation; Sister Furness, song; Bro. Wenhennett, song; Sister L. Vosper, recitation; Bro. Andrews, piano solo; and Bro. Robinson, song. This ended the programme, and a very pleasant evening was brought in a close according to the Good Templar custom.

At St. Michaels church, Lake district, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. Canon Beaulieu joined in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Clifford Little, son of Dr. Little, of the Cathedral, Norfolk, England, to Florence Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Capt. W. J. Smith-Neil, R. A., of Barr Well, Sydenham, Ayrshire, Scotland. The bride was attired in a

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Dinner Table Talk.

BY HENRY W. LUCY.

While through the London season dinners accumulate, conversation decays. Obviously good talk at a dinner table is a possibility based on the familiar principle of Mrs. Glass's culinary instruction. First catch your conversationalist, then make him talk. You cannot always expect to enjoy with fish and roast the pleasure of supremely good talk. Like painting, music and acting, the matter of masters of the art of conversation is extremely limited. But there is talk of sorts and some sorts are better than none.

INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS.

United States and Canada Will Negotiate and Try to Avert Complications.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—To prevent international complications growing out of the indiscriminate use of the waters of Saint Ste. Marie by Canadian and American power companies, an effort will be made in the near future to secure the adoption in the two countries of an agreement recommended by the international waterways commission to withhold the issue of any further rights or privileges for the diversion of the waters, and the commission has collected enough data to formulate joint rules to regulate the disposition of the water. Rival power companies on both sides of the river are trying to extend their plants and the commission has pointed out to the war department that the future navigation of this great artery of commerce may be placed in jeopardy unless some regulations are adopted that shall be binding upon both sides.

ELECTRIC TRACTION.

New York Central Railroad Will Operate Long Distance Line.

New York, Dec. 15.—President Horace E. Andrews, of the Cleveland Electric Railroad Company, who has been closely associated with the New York Central interests in the acquisition of electric traction lines, may soon resign his position with the Cleveland company to take active charge of the New York Central electric train service. The plan is for a continuous electric line from Albany to Buffalo.

RECORD PRICE.

New York, Dec. 15.—The cotton exchange membership of Charles B. Ryan was sold yesterday to Henry Schaefer for \$23,250, the record price for a seat on the exchange.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Archduke Otto has been seriously ill for the last few months and his condition is becoming aggravated, says a Vienna dispatch. The operation of tracheotomy being necessary. This was successfully performed on Monday last and the archduke now breathes through a silver tube inserted in the windpipe. He is still in a serious condition.

Thomas Kiddie, of Crofton, and William Sloan, M. P., of Nanaimo, arrived on the noon E. & N. train and are at the Grand.

In an action brought by a Belfast money-lender at Newmarket for the recovery of £4, it was stated that interest at the rate of 1,000 per cent. had been charged.

Breathing through the nostrils will prevent many affections of the respiratory passage common to cold and damp seasons. It is natural breathing. The mouth is for feeding purposes, and not for breathing.

a week, if the company, including host and hostess, were limited to eight. In big houses a dinner party of twenty-two has come to be regarded as moderate. But where is the give and take, the light and shade of conversation among so many?

In recent years attempt to meet the drawback of this incubus has been made by breaking up a party of two score or more into sections. Separate tables are arranged for parties of six, eight or ten. Or if the gathering does not exceed a score it is divided in twain. I know only one London house, involving exceptional opportunities, where this device rarely fails of being an unalloyed success. The dinner-out, most selfish and exacting of persons, looking round the room, always thinks that he—perhaps it were well to refrain from including she—would be much better placed at any one of the other tables. At best there is a great gulf fixed between the various groups, the arrangement being uncomfortably suggestive of the restaurant, without the freedom of open criticism of your neighbors that adds to the agreeableness of the 12s. 6d. dinner (wine not included) in Pall Mall or on the Embankment.

Hosts Massive and Taciturn.

As there is nothing more delightful than good dinner-table talk, so there is nothing more deplorable than its absence. And after all, on varied ranges of excellence it is so easy to avoid calamity. I have a vivid recollection of dining with a Secretary of State, now no more, who had gathered round his table some of the best talkers in London. Some of them chatted, it is true. But the conversation exclusively took the form of relaxation the massive host abstained. He had provided a feast Lucullus would have approved; he had brought together two dozen more or less well known persons, and there his duty and his function ended. Had he tossed a word across to any one of the half dozen men immediately opposite, had he bent to the right or left and hailed another guest, he would instantly have lit up a flame of conversation that would have sparkled round the table. Such things were not usual in his ancestral home. He had done the proper thing with generous detail, and he reposed mute and satisfied in the consciousness of having fulfilled his duty.

The incident recalls another similar experience of which, happily, I speak only upon testimony. Of all men in the world, the taciturn host on this occasion was Sir William Harcourt, at the time Chancellor of the Exchequer, and resident in Downing street. Habitually he, in whatsoever circumstances, bubbled over with bright talk. I do not suggest that the circumstances pertaining to this particular dinner had anything to do with abnormal mood. I merely mention the fact that, in pursuance of a sort of official duty, the Chancellor had invited a section of the Scotch members to dinner. Meeting one later and congratulating him on his happy chance, I ascertained that Sir William was, as usual, the life and soul of the party. "Why," said the depressed reveler, "he sat through dinner glum as a codfish, speaking hardly a word to anyone. It was a most like a funeral feast than a dinner party."

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